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## Greenbelt a Premier Pit Stop For Bike to Work Day 2023

by Jenni Pompei

Greenbelt was bustling with bicycles on Friday, May 19, as local riders of all ages converged at Roosevelt Center for Bike to Work Day, which expected to see around 14,000 commuters participating across the region this year at 107 pit stops.

This is the 11th year the city has hosted a pit stop, and more than 140 people signed up to stop by, according to Di Quynn Reno, the Community Center supervisor. Greenbelt's pit stop is fully sponsored – participants received a free T-shirt and were treated to muffins, fruit and a free coffee as well as raffle prizes. The city also set up a water station so those passing through could refill. "Greenbelt is one of our premier pit stops," said Nicholas Ramfos, director of Commuter Connections at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, which organizes the regional event with the Washington Area Bicyclist Association.

The first convoy of about 15



Chondria Andrews, Greenbelt's public information officer, enjoys cycling through some bubbles at Bike to Work Day.

bikes left Greenbelt for D.C. at 7 a.m. after a series of stretches led by Sage Garrettson. The convoy was led by Proteus Bicycles' Jeff Lemieux, and Paul and Priya Lemieux, also from Proteus Bicycles, were on hand performing

free tune-ups and checks for anyone interested.

Residents and local officials expressed a variety of reasons for using bicycles as transportation, but most agreed that the best benefits were cost savings, reduced traffic congestion and improved health.

"Bike to Work Day is such an important regional event where we can take time out and enjoy the outdoors. It also relieves congestion, is good for the environment and has many health benefits," said Greenbelt Mayor and cyclist Emmett Jordan, who left with the 7 a.m. convoy.

Jan-Michael Archer, who had

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### My Point of View

## As a Popular Petition Fails Are Process Changes Needed?

by Peggy Higgins

Greenbelt resident Peggy Higgins was part of a small group recently attempting to gather sufficient signatures to stop a city charter change so there could be a referendum. She learned that it's nearly impossible to gather the signatures required, even when the petition is overwhelmingly popular, yet it was also a "wonderful experience," she says and reaffirmed her decision of 31 years ago to move to Greenbelt. What follows is her account.

My journey began this last month when the city council

voted, by a one-vote majority, 4 to 3, to change the city charter. As a result, I've been part of a small group of those connecting with Greenbelt registered voters, inviting them to sign a petition. The effort aimed to collect enough signatures to formally stop council from changing the city charter regarding the city manager residency requirement.

### Why the Petition

The charter, the city's founding document, requires the city manager to live in Greenbelt. Council's change to the charter allows them discretion on a case-by-case basis to decide whether city residency will be a requirement for the new city manager, in the middle of a search that is already well underway. The voter petition asks to stop council's action and allow the voters to decide by referendum during this November's upcoming election whether to make the change.

### Overwhelming Support

As I went to events and door to door, I universally found Greenbelters to be interested and willing to engage in the issue. Ninety to 95 percent of those approached signed the petition. Each voter who signed affirmed this issue should be decided by the voters and that the residency requirement should be the same for all (rather than case-by-case). Many did so emphatically, saying: "This makes no sense." "Is this council action legal?" "I

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## Etiquette for All Seasons: May I Share Your Lane?

by Susan Taylor



Greenbelt's indoor pool offers several lanes for swimming. The outdoor pool reopens Memorial Day weekend.

As construction teams shore up the walls supporting the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center's (GAFC) filter room, Stephen Parks, supervisor, reminds people dreaming of summer fun to remember lessons they learned in kindergarten. Particularly about sharing.

### Legacy of Community

Greenbelt's public pool originally opened on Memorial Day 1939, and at the time was the

only public pool in Maryland. As the weather heats up, Greenbelt residents will be able to head to the outdoor pool to cool off as it reopens for its 85th Memorial Day. During summer weekends and on holidays, when the pool is likely to be popular, visitors must be passholders or Greenbelt residents. Summer memberships became available for purchase on May 1.

See **POOL**, page 15

### What Goes On

#### Monday, May 29

Memorial Day: city offices closed, no council meeting  
**11 a.m.**, Annual Memorial Day Ceremony, Greenbelt War Memorial

#### Wednesday, May 31

**7:30 p.m.**, Council Worksession: Prince George's County Council representatives, Municipal Building

See the city ad on page 5 or the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov) for more information.



Peggy Higgins speaks to Council about the petition she was involved with to prevent the recent city charter change.



# Letters to the Editor

## City Manager: In Response

The statement below is in response to last week’s letter titled “Explains Reasoning.” While Kristen Weaver raises several issues in favor of the adopted charter amendment, there are certain aspects she fails to disclose. The current charter amendment as adopted will allow the city manager to reside outside of Greenbelt. Should this amendment not be brought to referendum the appointed city manager would be responsible for assigning tax rates on Greenbelt residents while paying taxes in a potentially lower tax jurisdiction.

In addition, it is my opinion that the adopted charter amendment was brought forward in an attempt to allow only one par-

ticular individual to qualify for the position. Weaver seems to indicate that certain exceptions can be made which would augment the need for the city manager to reside in the City of Greenbelt. She goes on to say that none of the candidates currently reside in Greenbelt.

Past councils felt it was necessary for the city manager to live in the city because doing so created a vested interest in the welfare of the city and its residents. Allowing the city manager to reside outside of Greenbelt may result in a delay in responding to crisis situations within the city. Greenbelt residents deserve a forthright and honest appraisal regarding the selection of our next city manager.

Scott Legendre

## Correction

Last week’s item about the July craft show sponsored by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and the Ladies Auxiliary had an incomplete email address for Kim Lewis, the contact person. Her correct email address is firemama\_35@msn.com.



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Deadline for letters is 6 p.m. Monday. Submission does not guarantee publication. Letters should be no longer than 300 words (shorter letters are more likely to be published).

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Community Events

Screening of Town Before the Holocaust

Old Greenbelt Theatre, in partnership with Greenbelt’s Mishkan Torah Synagogue, will screen Three Minutes: A Lengthening on Sunday, May 28, at 1 p.m., in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month. The showing is free. The film unearths the stories behind the Jewish faces captured in three minutes of a home movie shot in the Polish town of Nasielsk before the Holocaust. Leslie Swift of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, who helped preserve the original footage, will facilitate a discussion after the showing. More information can be found at [greenbelttheatre.org](http://greenbelttheatre.org).



Don’t Get Scammed Presentation on June 3

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee is presenting Don’t Get Scammed on Saturday, June 3 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Community Center. This is a Not for Seniors Only seminar, as scams affect all ages, causing an estimated \$3 billion loss each year. The presentation features Karen Morgan, J.D., from the AARP national speakers bureau and Officer Rakibur Rahman, from the Greenbelt Police Department.

Morgan will provide an inside look at how scammers think, how to safeguard against identity theft and fraud, first-hand accounts from victims and what victims or someone who knows a victim should do. Rahman will speak to the most recent scams affecting local citizens and how officers handle scammers and reports.

Seating in the Multipurpose Room (Room 201) is limited to 50 people. All ages are invited. To reserve a seat, email [ahall@greenbeltnmd.gov](mailto:ahall@greenbeltnmd.gov) or call 240-542-2056.

Greenbelt Pride Fest and March

The 2nd Annual Pride Fest and Pride March will be on Saturday, June 3 at Roosevelt Center.

The Fest is from noon until 3 p.m. with special guest Maryland Comptroller Brooke Lierman and performances by Greenbelt Honk! Situation. The Parade will be from 10:30 to noon. Meet at the playground by Spellman Overpass on Gardenway; the parade will start at 11 a.m. Join in for music and fun.

Registration Opens For Summer Art Classes

Greenbelt resident registration is now open for all of Greenbelt Recreation’s summer arts classes. From ceramics and painting, to fused glass and sewing, a large range of media and creative experiences are available for all ages. Registration for nonresidents will open Tuesday, May 30 at 10 a.m. Full class listings and registration information are posted at [greenbeltnmd.gov/art](http://greenbeltnmd.gov/art)



Greenbelt PORCH Pickup Schedule

Greenbelt PORCH final food pickups for May:

Sunday, May 28. By 4 p.m., 9 and 11-13 Courts Ridge Road.

Volunteers who would like to expand Greenbelt PORCH to additional neighborhoods in Greenbelt are always welcome, particularly in the Greenbelt East area. Anyone with questions or who is interested in being a volunteer or starting a new neighborhood for monthly food collection with Greenbelt PORCH, contact Robert Goldberg-Strassler at [spreadruak@gmail.com](mailto:spreadruak@gmail.com).

GreenCAPS Avoid Pesticides



Greenbelt Citizens Avoiding Pesticides (GreenCAPS) is a group of citizens committed to fighting mosquitoes in environmentally sustainable ways. Mosquitoes are more than a summer nuisance; they are potential carriers of diseases. The group wants to spread the word that there are many ways to fight mosquitoes successfully – ways that won’t harm people and their pets, pollinators and the environment. Pesticides should be the last path of action.

Mosquitoes start breeding once temperatures consistently reach 50°F – so mosquito breeding season is here. Check for any standing water which mosquitoes need to breed: One bottle cap of stagnant water is enough to breed 300 mosquitoes in about 10 days. Remove standing water wherever it’s found. Use Mosquito Bits and/or Mosquito Dunks where it’s not possible to remove the standing water. Both products are available in home-improvement stores and online. They are environmentally safe (EPA-approved for organic gardening), efficient and locally made. To learn more, to support the group’s work, and/or to volunteer, email [GreenbeltGreenCAPS@yahoo.com](mailto:GreenbeltGreenCAPS@yahoo.com).

Astronomical Society Lecture Thursday

Dr. Louth (Lu) Chou will speak on “Searching for life-as-we-don’t-know-it on future planetary missions using mass spectrometry” at the Astronomical Society of Greenbelt monthly meeting on Thursday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Room 114 of the Community Center. Chou’s research area is agnostic biosignatures, requiring life detection methods that identify unknowable, unfamiliar features and chemistry which may represent processes of life as-yet unrecognized. She is also involved in the design of NASA instrumentation for this purpose. Chou, an astrobiologist and organic chemist, is currently a postdoctoral research associate at the Center for Space Science and Technology (University of Maryland Baltimore County) working on the Sample Analysis at Mars instrument suite onboard the Curiosity Rover in the Planetary Environments Lab at Goddard. She loves sharing her work with the public. This is a hybrid in-person/virtual event, free and open to the public. A Zoom link may be found at [greenbeltastro.org/events](http://greenbeltastro.org/events).



Recycle Used Plant Pots

Donate used plastic plant pots and flats to GHI’s volunteer-run native plant nursery and support the GHI Woodlands Committee in growing thousands of wildflowers for local common spaces. Bring small and large plastic pots and rectangular flats to a drop-off box on the Co-op Supermarket ramp or the drop-off box at 8 Court Laurel Hill Road.

Star Party Saturday

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt will host a star party, free and open to the public, on Saturday, May 27 at the City Observatory located at Northway Fields. Attendees can expect to see the Moon, a brand-new supernova in M101 (the Pinwheel Galaxy) and other deep sky objects (galaxies, nebulae and star clusters) currently high in the sky, viewed through the observatory telescope and astronomical camera. All are welcome and there is no charge. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own telescopes to set up on the hilltop.

Observing will begin at 9:30 p.m. and continue for two hours. Attendees are asked to park in the ballfield lot, not up on the hill, unless bringing a telescope. The star party will be canceled without notice if it is hopelessly cloudy.

Fire Department Hosts Craft Fair on July 22

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad and its Ladies Auxiliary invites the community to Be Jolly in July with a vendor show at the firehouse on Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Come find handcrafted items, decorations, gifts, crafts and more. Food and drinks will be sold.

Contact Kim Lewis at 240-304-8776 or [firemama\\_35@msn.com](mailto:firemama_35@msn.com) for vendor space information.



Unplugged Game Night

Fourth Friday game night meets May 26 at the Community Center from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in Room 114. To be added to the list and get a convenient link to the Zoom sessions send an email to [events@greenbeltunplugged.org](mailto:events@greenbeltunplugged.org).

More Community Events  
are located throughout the paper.

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Written by Lillian Hellman

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*\*For more information on these events, visit the NDC CALENDAR page on our website.*



# Rabbi Jonathan Cohen: Memorial Service June 4

by Rabbi Saul Oresky and members of the congregation

On Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m., a memorial service will be held at Mishkan Torah for our former, much-loved rabbi, Jonathan L. Cohen, who died in Montreal on February 24. His widow, Mona Baumgarten, and son Reuben will be in attendance, along with members of the congregation and of our greater Greenbelt community.

Rabbi Jonathan Louis Cohen, born and raised in Montreal, came to the rabbinate as a second career and after a spiritual journey. His path through life was not always the smoothest road, but he overcame early hardships to become a loving husband and father, a formidable scholar, a passionate Jewish leader and what became evident to all, a mensch in the truest sense of the word. We are all greatly saddened that his retirement years weren't far longer and healthier.

Speakers at the service will include Cantor Phil Greenfield, who has served Mishkan Torah for more than 40 years; Rev. Dan Hamlin, the retired pastor of Greenbelt Community Church, a professional and personal friend of Rabbi Cohen; and me – I saw Rabbi Cohen as my rabbi, friend and mentor, the rabbi who most encouraged and supported me in my own journey to the rabbinate and who then welcomed me as a colleague.

An excerpt from his obituary states beautifully who he essentially was: "He will be remembered by all who knew him for his compassion and generosity of spirit, his extraordinary breadth and depth of religious and secular knowledge, and his easy smile and piercing wit."

The testimonies to Rabbi Cohen that I received from members of my congregation were inspir-

ing and touching, illustrating how much he meant to all of us, myself included. They are evidence of the lasting effect that he had on our congregation. Several of these testimonies will be shared on Sunday. Please join us then.

The service will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 4, in person at Mishkan Torah and on Zoom. Please visit our website at [mishkantorah.org](http://mishkantorah.org) or email [office@mishkantorah.org](mailto:office@mishkantorah.org) for more information or to RSVP.

# Jewish American Heritage Month

On May 22, Mayor Emmett Jordan presented a proclamation declaring May as Jewish American Heritage Month. The month of May was chosen due to the highly successful celebration of the 350th Anniversary of American Jewish History that took place in May 2004.

## Mishkan Torah Invites All to Learning Night

Mishkan Torah is excited to host a Tikkun Leil Shavuot this year on Thursday, May 25 beginning at 8 p.m. Join the local community and its sister congregations in person and on Zoom for a night of learning, prayer and fun. There will be cheesecake for those coming in person. Email [office@mishkantorah.org](mailto:office@mishkantorah.org) for more information.



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Dr. Joanie Cohen, left, president of Mishkan Torah Synagogue, accepts the proclamation from Mayor Emmett Jordan.

## Obituaries


The News Review publishes obituaries of Greenbelt residents, past or present.

You write it or we will if you prefer. We try to include information about participation in various activities and organizations, where the person lived and something about the family. A photograph and service information should be included. There is no charge.



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May 28, 2023 at 3:00 pm  
**When the Saints Go Marching In**  
Rev. Anthony Jenkins  
On this Memorial Day Sunday, U.S. Air Force Chaplain (Capt.) Anthony Jenkins will lead a service reflecting on both the light and shadows of military chaplaincy – through the prism of the proud few who are UU.  
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Join us for In-Person Worship every Sunday at 10 AM  
Youth Sunday School 11:15 AM  
To view services online:  
Go to <https://www.facebook.com/StJohnsZionParish/Live/>  
Other services online via Zoom: Wednesday Noonday;  
Thursday Bible Study and Compline 7 PM via Zoom  
Please contact the church office if you are interested in any of these resources.  
Our Mission: To share God's love with everyone to bring hope and change lives.





# City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

## MEETINGS FOR MAY 29 - JUNE 2

Monday, May 29, **MEMORIAL DAY - CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

Tuesday, May 30 at 3:30 pm, **SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 31 at 7:30 pm, **WORK SESSION - PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

Thursday, June 1 at 5:30 pm, **BOARD OF ELECTIONS**

*In advance, the hearing impaired is advised to use MD RELAY at 711 to submit your questions/comments or contact the City Clerk at (301) 474-8000 or email [banderson@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:banderson@greenbeltmd.gov). This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call (301) 474-8000. For information on public participation for the meetings above, visit the meetings calendar at [greenbeltmd.gov](http://greenbeltmd.gov).*

## COMMITTEES & BOARDS VACANCIES:

- Advisory Committee on Education
- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Board of Elections
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Employee Relations Board
- Forest Preserve Advisory Board
- Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability
- Park and Recreation Advisory Board
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL (301) 474-8000.

## GREENBELT MICRO GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt Micro Grant is a one-time, matching, reimbursable grant intended to be a resident-led initiative to build community and engage new people across neighborhoods. This is a one-time, reimbursable grant funded through the American Rescue Plan Act to help communities move beyond the COVID pandemic and to broaden Greenbelt’s connections to all its neighborhoods and residents. HOA’S, Condominium Associations, Apartment Complexes, GHI Co-op, and Community Coalitions registered as 501 (c) 3 are eligible to apply for one of three types of grants, 1) Community Event Grant, 2) Neighborhood Communication Grant, and 3) Neighborhood Improvement Grant.

To learn more about and apply for the grant opportunities, please visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/7575c04647a68ad4ff464c00401f684d?r=use1>

## FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS GRANT PROGRAM

Find out more about the City of Greenbelt First-Time Homebuyers grant program today! The grant funds can be used for closing costs and/or down payment for FHA, VA, USDA, FNMA, or Freddie Mac loans. <http://ow.ly/xlKZ50My327>.

## BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT RECOVERY FUND, ROUND 3

This ARPA program offers financial assistance to local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrictions apply. To learn more, visit <http://ow.ly/9OJ350NMfA8>.

## BUSINESS CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

This ARPA program offers financial assistance to local businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic for facade, infrastructure, and technology upgrades. Restrictions apply. To learn more, visit <http://ow.ly/9OJ350NMfA8>.

## TREE CANOPY GRANTS

The City of Greenbelt is awarding a one-time, reimbursable grant to go directly towards the purchase of trees to assist homeowners and community organizations with the planting or replacement of trees caused by storm damage, disease or invasive insects. Funding for this grant will be provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and can be used to purchase, install, stake and mulch the area the tree or trees will be planted.

Applications are now open. To apply, visit [engagegreenbelt.org](https://engagegreenbelt.org) or visit <https://forms.monday.com/forms/4a129f7cd3ba497750f3ced54a200b2a?r=use1>.

For questions on the grant, email [treecanopy@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:treecanopy@greenbeltmd.gov).

Deadline to apply is no later than **June 1, 2023, at 4:30 pm**.

## GREENBELT EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

The purpose of the Greenbelt Education Scholarship grant is to provide assistance for residents interested in furthering their education beyond high school. Scholarships can be used to assist with the cost of college, trade school, or other educational opportunities. Qualified residents are eligible to receive up to \$10,000 over two years. Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/scholarship](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/scholarship).

## GREENBELT RECREATION’S SUMMER ACTIVITY GUIDE

[www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/activityguide)

Registration is open for Greenbelt residents,.  
Registration opens at 10 am on May 30 for non-residents.



## SATURDAY, JUNE 3

### Greenbelt Pride Fest, 10 am - 3 pm, Roosevelt Center

Come celebrate the start of Pride Month and all who made history and did it with pride from LGBTQIA+ Community. Pride Fest returns this year alongside Greenbelt’s first Pride March! For more information visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation).

### Pet Expo Block Party, 11 am - 3 pm, Greenbelt Dog Park

Informational booths, rabies & microchip clinics, demonstrations, refreshments, & more! Bring your pets and enjoy the day. Call (301) 474-6124 for information.

### Not For Seniors Only: Fight Fraud & Scams, 1 - 3 pm, Community Center Multipurpose Room

Fight Fraud & Scams with the AARP Fraud Watch Network. Fraud prevention presentations to safeguard you against identity theft and fraud. Held in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. Register by calling (240) 542-2056.

### Greenbelt Youth Baseball Little League Games, 9 am - 12 pm

9 am, Braden Field #3: Tball Game  
9 am, McDonald Field: Greenbelt Rockies vs Greenbelt Red Sox  
11 am, Braden Field #3: Greenbelt Blue Jays vs Laurel River Bandits  
12 pm McDonald Field: Greenbelt Reds vs Laurel Orioles

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

### Greenbelt Museum Tours, 1 - 3 pm, 10B Crescent Road

In honor of Greenbelt Day, the Greenbelt Museum’s historic house will be open free of charge for mini tours! Walk through the house which features furniture designed by the federal government to fit Greenbelt homes, artifacts, and objects used by a middle-class family during the years 1937 - 1952, hands on items for kids, and much more. For more information, visit [www.greenbeltmuseum.org](http://www.greenbeltmuseum.org).

### Greenbelt Concert Band, 3 pm, Community Center Gym

Come celebrate Greenbelt’s birthday with live music provided by members of your community band!

### Artful Afternoon: Paint Out Picnic, 11 am - 1 pm, Community Center

Experience outdoor painting and drawing on the front lawn of the Greenbelt Community Center. No experience needed; all levels welcome. Bring your own materials or use ours! Please sign- up in advance; walk-in guests welcome. Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts).

## GREENBRIAR PRESERVE CLEANUP

### SATURDAY JUNE 3, 10 AM - 1 PM DORA KENNEDY FRENCH IMMERSION SCHOOL

Be part of the community effort to clean up around the Greenbelt Forest Preserve’s Greenbriar Tract. Volunteers will workwith Public Works staffand members of the Forest Preserve Advisory Boardto pick up litter fromthe preserve.

Register by email at [kdrriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:kdrriscoll@greenbeltmd.gov).

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

THE GREENBELT CONNECTION WILL NOT BE OPERATING.

## REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of May 29 - June 2  
Monday Route – Collected Tuesday  
Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday  
Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday  
Thursday Route – Collected Friday

There will be no appliance, odd metals, hard plastics, or yard waste collections on Friday, June 2.

## REGIONAL POLLINATOR RESOURCE FESTIVAL JUNE 17, 1 - 4 PM, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND COLLEGE PARK

UMD Bee Campus USA is bringing together regional Bee City USA affiliates to kickoff National Pollinator Week for their first annual Pollinator Resource Festival which includes a film screening of “My Garden of a Thousand Bees.” Email [s\\_dewalt@hotmail.com](mailto:s_dewalt@hotmail.com) for more information.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION AT BOTH SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER AND GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER

Volunteers are needed every third Thursday of the month at the Spring Hill Lake Recreation Center & the Greenbelt Community Center. Volunteers will assist with setting up tables, sorting and organizing fresh fruits and vegetables, and distributing them to families in need.

**Springhill Lake Recreation Center Volunteers** - For information, contact Katherine Farzin (240) 524-2019. To register, please use the link: <https://forms.gle/pT9MGViWGbznmCU6>.

**Greenbelt Community Center Volunteers** - For more information, contact Flora Li (301) 412-2480.

## GREENBELT CITY CALENDAR

Be sure to check out the City calendar for all up to date events at [greenbeltmd.gov/calendar](http://greenbeltmd.gov/calendar)



## PRIDE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY 4 PM, MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Join members of the Greenbelt City Council and residents of your community for a Pride flag raising ceremony to kick off Pride month.

## SENIOR PROPERTY TAX CREDIT

Effective fiscal year\* beginning July 1, 2023, Prince George’s County will provide up to a 20% credit of the County portion of the property tax bill, inclusive of any Homeowners and Homestead Credit (total max of 20%), for up to 5 years.



Visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov/news](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/news)

## CURRENT FREE CARES PROGRAMS

### ALCOHOL & AGING: FACTS & MYTHS

**Friday May 25, 7 - 8 pm**  
This program will address the impact of alcohol and medication and the benefits and risks of alcohol consumption as we age.

### EMERGENCY DIAPER PROGRAM

Supporting Greenbelt families in need of diapers. Greenbelt residents only, you must sign-up each month. Call (240) 542-2019.

### POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

**Thursdays June 5 - July 6  
6 - 7:30 pm**

Register: <https://forms.gle/K37FSEca9sK28gLW7>

### HABIT SHIFT MINDSET June 5, 1 - 4 pm

This immersive and interactive program provides scientific knowledge of how habits form and ways we can learn and apply practical, relevant, and personalized strategies to replace our habits for lasting behavior change. Register at <https://forms.gle/c9wEj48bsgMFsYPB7>.

### DINING WITH DIABETES 6/21, 6/28, 7/5, 7/12 5 - 6:30 pm, Zoom

A national program designed for adults with Type 2 Diabetes. The program teaches skills needed to identify and understand important information about managing this disease. Register at <https://rb.gy/j58gi>.

### MOTIVATING LOVED ONES BY LIZ BARNETT JUNE 8, 7 - 8 PM, Zoom

Learn to incorporate practical strategies to motivate loved ones to be physically active, change their diets, clean out the closet, and much more! Register at <https://bit.ly/3W7p4ab>.

## ARTFUL AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 11 AM - 1 PM

Create paintings outdoors with community artist Racquel Keller.

All ages. FREE. Greenbelt Community Center front lawn

Details and sign-up: <https://bit.ly/44RKbRy>.



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photos and determine where and when the photos were taken. The photos, taken from June 1944 to January 1945, document official ceremonies and visits of Nazi SS officers at the Nazi's Auschwitz camp complex and social activities there and at a nearby resort where Auschwitz staff went for rest and relaxation. One set of photos bears the inscription "Here there are blueberries" (in German), hence the name of the play.

To see the photos and read about their significance go to [ushmm.org](https://ushmm.org) and search for: SS Auschwitz album. Go to [shakespearetheatre.org/events/here-there-are-blueberries](https://shakespearetheatre.org/events/here-there-are-blueberries) to get tickets to see the play before it closes on May 28.

Marigza's Role

The photo album was donated to USHMM by a former U.S. Army counterintelligence officer who found it in an apartment in Germany in 1946 and quietly kept it for 60 years. Marigza first saw the album in May 2007 when she assessed its condition and developed a plan to conserve it. The photos, 116 in all, which the album-maker had carefully arranged and adhered to pages, had sustained some water and insect or rodent damage over the years. Marigza cleaned the surfaces of the photos and pages, spending many hours looking through a microscope and using a fine needle to gently remove accretions from pests. She also mended a few small tears and reattached a corner using a thin handmade tissue paper toned to match the area where the mends were made. While she was doing this meticulous work on the album, her colleagues were researching the photos next door. Over the years, Marigza has worked with the album several times to prepare individual pages for exhibition.

Artifact Conservation

Marigza, whose specialty is book and paper conservation, explained, "It is quite easy to determine what is wrong with something that comes in to the USHMM conservation lab. The challenge is in determining the appropriate intervention to take, given the history and meaning of the artifact, and what to clean,



A reproduction of one of the photo album's pages is displayed in the lobby of the Shakespeare Theatre Company's Harman Hall. The photos show Auschwitz staff and officers relaxing, socializing and singing during the period when Hungarian Jews were being killed by the hundreds at Auschwitz.

and selecting materials and techniques to use for repair that are effective and will integrate with the artifact and age with it in a complementary way, and that are reversible by a future conservator if necessary." She notes that a bigger part of what USHMM does is preserving artifacts to prevent future damage, through careful handling of collection materials and storing them in a clean, pest-free environment with stable temperature and humidity. Indeed, Marigza provided guidance on housing and storing a preservation set of newsprint originals of the Greenbelt News Review and Greenbelt Cooperator (its predecessor) as part of the paper's digital archive project.

A Career Conservator

Marigza has been with USHMM for nearly 20 years. She worked initially with special exhibitions, looking at floor layouts and case designs, specifying mounts and display times for individual paper-based artifacts, and installing and de-installing the artifacts. She now works with the Swanson Archival Digitization Project at USHMM, a grant-funded program to digitize archival collections and make them available on the web. She reviews the collections before they go to camera, gives handling instructions to the imager and makes sure that the collections are properly stored after digitization. She also provides training

for staff, interns and volunteers who handle the collections.

Marigza has a master's degree in library and information science and a certificate of advanced specialization in conservation from the University of Texas at Austin's School of Information. She came to the Washington, D.C., area for an internship at National Archives-College Park, and held short-term positions at Library of Congress and University of Maryland Libraries as well as a Mellon Fellowship in Paper Conservation in Philadelphia before going to USHMM. She is a member of the American Institute of Conservation, which is a professional organization for conservators of all disciplines, and on the advisory board of the Washington Conservation Guild.

Meditation Classes Offered via Zoom

Do you sometimes pressure yourself to do more, do it more quickly or feel you aren't doing it well enough? Having trouble falling asleep, having stress-related problems or find yourself feeling anxious? Ever wondered what meditation is about and how it might be beneficial for you?

Katrina Boverman, a longtime meditation instructor with the SAGE program, and the Mishkan Torah Synagogue Sisterhood have quietly offered Summer Guided Meditation classes to Greenbelters and others for the past eight years. Although the synagogue itself is a wonderful peaceful setting welcoming to all, meditation this year will be offered via Zoom to attend from the comfort of home.

Attendees have expressed quieting of their bodies, minds and spirits, a deepening of inner stillness and a better ability to reconnect with themselves. They have described feeling more peaceful, serene, relaxed, mindful and present, both during and in between the classes. Common experiences outside of the class for participants have been to have greater ease falling asleep and more patience during challenging times.

Classes begin Monday, June 5 from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m., running for seven sessions, held every other Monday through August 28. There is no charge; donations are welcome.

For more information email [Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com](mailto:Katrinaboverman@yahoo.com) or call 301-641-1035.

City Notes

At Springhill Lake Elementary School's Career Day, the Greenbelt Museum's director described a museum curator's career. Arts staff hosted a sold-out Parent's Night Out and Therapeutic Recreation took seniors to Amish Country.

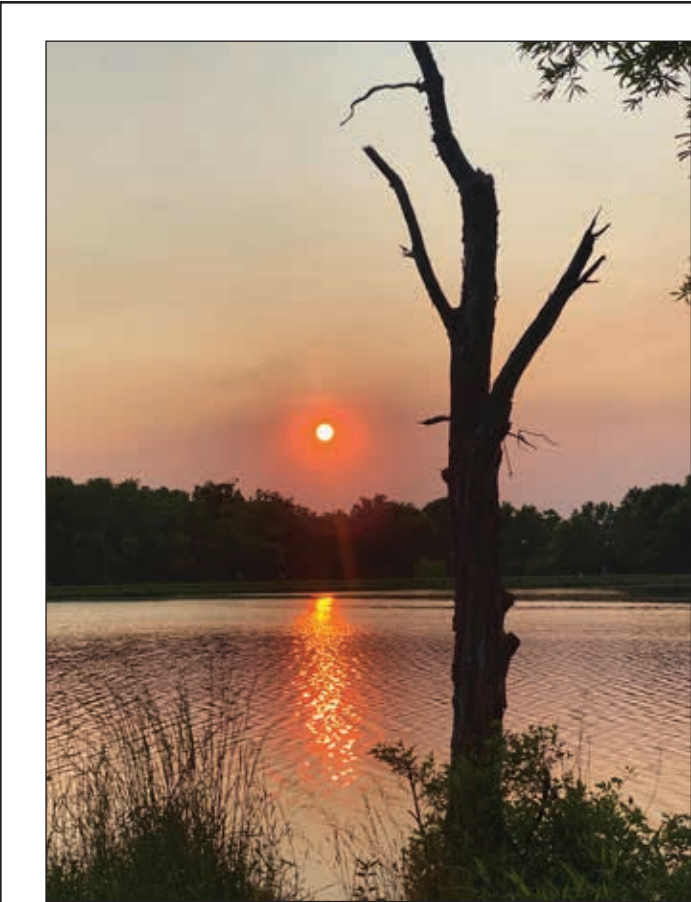
Sustainability/Environmental helped Girl Scouts install a pollinator garden.

At Green Ridge House, CARES welcomed the State's Attorney, who informed 20 seniors about financial fraud. At a CARES Job Fair, 13 businesses interviewed more than 100 potential employees.

At the Youth Center, law enforcement agencies presented a Together We Can Youth Workshop. Public Works facilitated Bike to Work Day, the Farmers Market, Recreation's Raku Workshop, Springhill Lake Recreation Center's Celebration of Spring and GAIL's produce distribution.

Community Center staff handled a stove gas leak, a refrigerator failure and an elevator breakdown. Girl Scouts, Concert Band, Golden Age Club, Community Development, Arts Center, Police, Volksmarchers, Peace and Justice Coalition, the Writers Group and several renters met there.

Refuse/Recycling collected 26.78 tons of refuse and 10.38 tons of recyclables.



Sunset over the Lake

PHOTO BY MIRANDA SHADE



# BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT & RECOVERY FUND

## ROUND III

APPLICATION LAUNCHES APRIL 17

APPLICATION DEADLINE JUNE 16



REGISTER HERE

### ABOUT

The Greenbelt Business Improvement Recovery Fund Round III, offers financial assistance to local small businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This grant supports capacity building efforts, along with certain operating expenses related to business interruption, improvements and continuity. Applicants must meet eligibility guidelines and provide evidence of financial impact due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### AWARD AMOUNT:

Maximum award amount is \$30,000.

Minimum award amount is \$20,000.

No match is required.

### APPLICATION PERIOD:

April 17 - June 16.

### ELIGIBLE USES:

Examples of eligible expenses include

- Advertising / Marketing
- Business Planning
- Capacity-Building / Organizational Development
- Information Security / Technology
- Online / Website Development or Improvements
- Professional / Workforce Development
- Technical Assistance
- Other (Rent, Utilities, etc.)

### INELIGIBLE USES:

- Capital & Façade Improvements (Please see Capital Improvement Recovery Fund)
- Debt / Loan Repayments
- Property Maintenance / Construction Work
- Staff Compensation

**CONTACT:** Kevin Simpson, (240) 542-2044

**WEBSITE:** [www.greenbeltmd.gov/BIRF](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/BIRF)

**REGISTER:** <https://smr.to/p88559>

[www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)



# Public Hearing on Budget: Speakers Object to CY Increase

by Anna Bedford-Dillow

The budget is scheduled to be adopted at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday, June 5. City Code requires a public hearing be held prior to its adoption. The required notice was published in the May 4 issue of the News Review. During the regular council meeting on May 22 council suspended the meeting to hold a public hearing. During it they listened to residents and answered some questions about the state’s Constant Yield Tax Rate and the city’s property tax rate that is proposed to remain at 0.8275 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which will mean an increase in property taxes due to the 4.1 percent rise in the assessed values of homes in Greenbelt.

### Constant Yield Tax Rate

Lore Rosenthal, who identified herself as a resident and a budget counselor, sought to clarify for herself and others what a Constant Yield Tax Rate looks like. If property values change, the tax rate can also be changed (decreased as values increase and increased if home values decrease) to produce the same revenue. [For more on how the constant yield property tax works see Cathie Meetre’s article on p. 11 of the January 5 News Review.] Interim City Manager Tim George confirmed that the state’s constant yield tax rate worked as Rosenthal described so that the rate was adjusted to mean residents would pay the same net amount.

“The city did not raise the rate,” said George, “The city simply maintained the same rate that we had last year. So, the 0.8275 per \$100 assessed value is the rate that the city used last year and I believe the same rate they used in previous years. Revenues will go up for the city by \$818,000 because the assessed value of the homes in Greenbelt went up by 4.1 percent. So, we didn’t raise the rate we simply left the rate the way it was and with the bigger base of assessed value there’s more revenue for the city to help cover the city’s operational cost.”

“So, in essence, though, each resident is going to be paying 4.1 percent more in their property tax,” clarified Rosenthal. “You’re keeping the rate the same but their properties have gone up ... this will bring \$818,000 to the city based on the fact that every resident that owns a home will actually be paying out 4 percent more even though the rate has not gone up ...”.

### Homeowners’ Relief?

Resident Dawn Warner shared her concerns over raising Greenbelt resident’s taxes when wages are not keeping pace with inflation. She pointed to the variety of programs generated by American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for businesses and organizations and asked “What about us, the people of Greenbelt? Where’s our relief?”



Lore Rosenthal asked council to clarify that maintaining the same tax rate would result in an increase of property taxes for Greenbelt homeowners.

Warner said she recently got the highest work review possible and that resulted in a 2 percent pay raise – one that won’t keep up with inflation or the increased costs of daily living. Other residents were in similar positions getting raises smaller than the rate of inflation or no raises at all, she suggested, saying an increase in taxes would be both “ill-timed” and “insensitive.” Warner said, “When my budget does not balance like I want it to I make cuts and readjustments so that it works out. I do not increase spending or add additional expenses when revenue decreases. This is what I expect Greenbelt to do also. Please don’t forget about us. Raising property taxes is forgetting about the people of Greenbelt.”

Warner was also interested in knowing the line items for the budget in addition to the overview. Councilmember Silke Pope informed her that the detailed budget is available on the city’s website for those interested in doing a deep dive into it.

### Single-Income Concerns

A letter from resident Jim Thompson asked council not to raise taxes and shared that his family had reduced their income after having a child. They had decided his wife would resign to stay home and they are consequently a single-income family, on whom increased property taxes would have a negative impact. The broader community is still recovering from the impact of covid and dealing with the effects of inflation, he added. “I don’t believe this is the right time to place greater financial strains on our citizens. Please consider voting against the increased tax increase,” he said via his letter, which Mayor Emmett Jordan read.

### Greater Participation

Resident Bill Orleans alleged that the budget had been made available later than in previous years. Orleans was gratified by the number of people participating in the public hearing and called on them to return. “Hardly anyone” comes to the worksessions and the information shared in slides at those meetings should be made available more broadly, he argued.

### High Inflation

Resident Jeff Warner submitted comments via a letter read by Jordan. He said his friends and neighbors are “deeply, deeply struggling to make ends meet and don’t have the time or en-

ergy to voice their concerns.” Warner pointed to a 40-year high inflation rate that wages weren’t keeping up with and that is shrinking family budgets and disproportionately and adversely affecting minority families. The city needs to cut back as families are, suggested Warner. He also pointed to the ARPA funds received by the city and, while recognizing that there may be nuances that he and the public don’t fully understand, “on its face it is hard to understand how council could have received \$22.88 million and yet ask for a property tax increase,” he said. An increase would appear “insensitive to the plight of so many,” said Warner, urging council to defer any property tax increase.

No resident spoke in favor of the property tax rate.

### Vote Set for June 5

The city’s property tax rate will be set when the Fiscal Year 2024 budget is adopted at council’s hybrid meeting on Monday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m.

## Toastmasters Meet

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club invites all to join them online every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The club provides a fun and friendly environment for anyone interested in improving their public speaking and leadership skills. Learn more at [greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org](http://greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org).



PHOTO BY ANNA BEDFORD-DILLOW

# Council Discusses Voting, Senior Condos and More

by Deb Daniel

Greenbelt City Council met on Monday, May 8 to introduce for first reading new legislation on disposable plastic bags, which was subsequently voted for at the May 22 meeting, and to discuss and vote on changes to the Early Voting section of Chapter 8, Elections, of the Greenbelt City Code. The Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for new condominiums at 7010 Greenbelt Road was discussed with new recommended conditions from Terri Hruby, director of planning and community development. The developer and the owner of the property, Armory Place, LLC, will incorporate the recommendations into their plans.

### Early Voting

The Board of Elections recommended the following amendment to the City Code (Article I, In General, Section 13, Early Voting, of Chapter 8), “Elections, of the General City Code: Early voting will take place on the last Saturday and Sunday prior to election day, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Early voting ballots may be cast in Greenbelt East (Springhill Lake Recreation Center), Greenbelt Central (Community Center), or Greenbelt West (Schrom Hills Park Recreation Center), or such other locations in Greenbelt East, Central and West the Board of Elections may designate. A voter may use any polling place, without regard to residence.” Council voted to adopt this legislation.

### Plastic Bags

A draft ordinance was introduced amending Chapter 10, Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations of the Greenbelt City Code, adding an Article VII, Disposable Plastic Bags, to prohibit a retail establishment from providing single-use plastic carryout bags to customers, to require a retail establishment to charge at least 10 cents for each paper and reusable carryout bag provided to customers and to provide a penalty for violation. The ordinance goes into detail about which retail establishments are affected and what constitutes a plastic bag. The ordinance draft may be viewed

at <https://bit.ly/3WgFopb>. At the May 22 meeting an amended ordinance prohibiting single-use plastic bags passed 6-1.

### Condominiums


The condominiums to be built on Greenbelt Road will be age-restricted senior housing two-bedroom one-level units in a four-story building with an elevator and two staircases, at a cost that Greenbelt residents can afford, and will be available only for sale. Four buildings of these residential homes will be built on the property giving a total occupancy of 95 units and a community room, as well as outdoor recreational space for walking, playing pickleball and community gardening. Access to the site is from an existing access road off Md. Route 193 that is shared with University Square and the former National Guard Armory site.

In 2004, the owners of the property, Armory Place, LLC, agreed to sign a Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions granting the city the authority to review and approve seven elements of the project. The DSP reflecting this covenant agreement is scheduled to be considered by the Prince George’s County Planning Board on May 18 as the next step.

Hruby submitted a revised staff memo based on the April 17 worksession with council and the Advisory Planning Board (APB) meetings which listed the 18 conditions that Armory Place, LLC will incorporate into the DSP. Condition 17 states: “Seriously consider making the buildings 100 percent electric and report its determination prior to building permit submittal.”

Councilmember Kristen Weaver asked if electrification could be considered by council to be part of the DSP covenant agreement. Hruby answered that she thought the covenant agreement would cover electrification but she would consult legal counsel. Mayor Emmett Jordan read from

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**PRELIMINARY AGENDA**  
**Meetings of the GHI and GDC Boards of Directors and GDC Stockholders on June 1, 2023**

GHI Closed Meeting – starts at 7:00 pm. - closed to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the Closed Meeting Held on April 20, 2023
- b) Member Financial Matters
- c) 2023 Contract for Sidewalk Repairs
- d) 2023 Contract for Repairs of Roofs on Masonry Block Units
- e) Contract for Repairs of Structural Deficiencies on GHI Units
- f) Legal Matters
- g) Member Complaint Matters

GDC Stockholders’ Meeting – starts at 7:45 pm. - open to members and visitors

- a) Approve Minutes of the GDC Stockholders’ Meeting Held on June 2, 2022
- b) President’s Report re: GDC’s Operations for the Year 2022
- c) Election of Board of Directors for 2023-2024

GDC Open Meeting – starts after the GDC Stockholders’ Meeting ends - open to members and visitors

- a) Election of Officers for the 2023-24 Term
- b) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on May 4, 2023

GHI Open Meeting – starts after the GDC Open Meeting ends - open to members and visitors

- a) Statement of a Closed Board Meeting Held on May 18, 2023
- b) Approve Minutes of the Open Meeting Held on April 20, 2023
- c) GHI Solar PVES Year 1 Production Report
- d) Proposed Topics for Discussion with Legal Counsel on June 22, 2023
- e) Establish Dates for Meetings
- f) Status Report re: Members Willing to Participate in the Pipe Repair and Refurbishment Program
- g) Motion to Hold a Closed Board Meeting on June 15, 2023

Members and visitors who wish to attend the Open meetings must register in advance via the following link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZUqdeyvorD0sEtcBmdxTdFEDAIBWQs577c35>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



# Travels with News Review



PHOTO BY INGE POTTSCHMIDT

Katja Pottschmidt stands in the pedestrian zone in front of the Stadtkirche (city church) in Balingen, Germany, on May 2. A maypole in the background celebrates spring.



PHOTO COURTESY THE KENNEDYS

Pat and Corny Kennedy hold the News Review in front of Prague Castle, St. Vitus Cathedral, in Prague, Czech Republic, on April 18.



PHOTO BY KELLY SIMMONS

Joyce Patterson poses with the News Review in Creede, Colorado, in April. Creede, which sits on the Rio Grande, was part of the silver rush and had working mines until 1985.



PHOTO COURTESY CAROL SLATIN

Carol Slatin poses with the News Review in Sicily.

Frank DeBernardo of Greenbelt reads the News Review in front of a metal wall sculpture of Che Guevara in Plaza de la Revolución (Revolution Square), Havana, Cuba.



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Greenbelter Marc Manheimer takes a break from the beach in Nazaré, Portugal, to catch up on the news in Greenbelt.

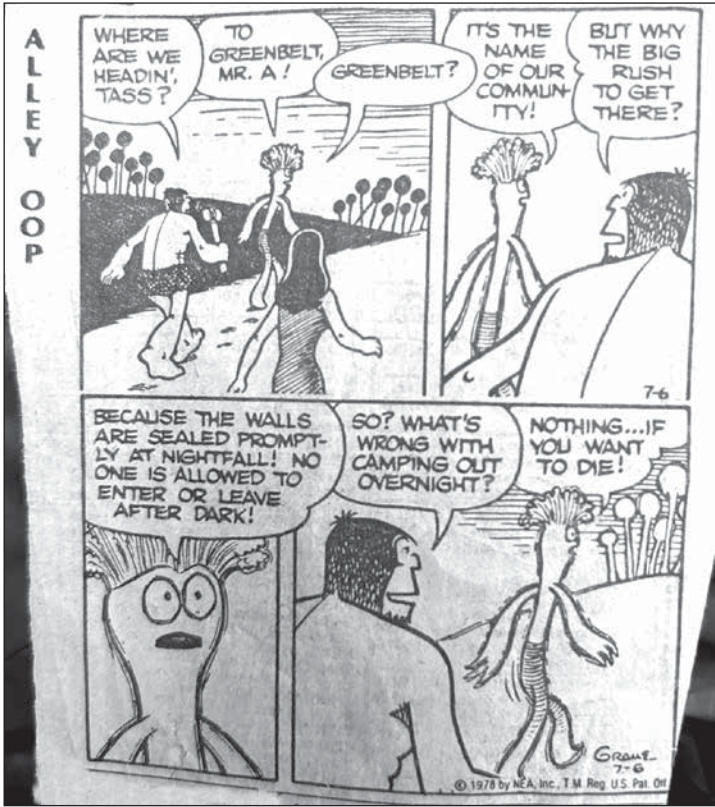


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Three generations of Greenbelters visit a French lady in New York: from left, Avery Twedt with her mother, Ellie Twedt, and grandmother Donna Lockner.



# See Greenbelt in the Funny Papers: Alley Oop, 1978



CARTOON BY DAVID GRAUE

Very few people will remember this Alley Oop cartoon that appeared in the Washington Post in 1978. My brother, Allen Gerstel, saved this cartoon to send it to the News Review, but never got a chance as he died in 2010. He was a resident of Greenbelt from 1938 until 1953 living at 16 A and 14 Z Ridge Road.

Those who lived in Greenbelt will probably remember some of the restrictions the city planners placed on city residents in the early years of the town.

- Marshall Gerstel, brother of Al and son of Louis and Lillian Gerstel, early pioneers of Greenbelt.

**About Alley Oop:**

This classic comic strip was created by V.T. Hamlin in 1932, who wrote and drew it for four decades. After Hamlin retired, the strip was taken over by Dave Graue, who initially joined the Alley Oop team as an editorial assistant in 1950. Graue, who died in 2001, worked solo for almost two decades before being joined by Jack Bender in 1991. Starting in 2001, the strip was drawn by Bender and written by his wife Carole. In January 2019, writer Joey Alison Sayers and artist Jonathan Lemon took over the strip. At its peak, Alley Oop was carried by 800 newspapers; today it appears in more than 600.

Former and current Greenbelters meet in St. Louis. Pictured are Bill Doley and Lisa Knolhoff, with the arch in the far background.



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a Green ACES April 25 meeting report that all of its members were concerned about using natural gas for heating, hot water and cooking as natural gas is mainly methane. The report further noted that Washington, D.C., and Montgomery County have already banned natural gas in future developments and the Green ACES and Green Team oppose using natural gas in this project.

Thomas Haller, Esq., of Gibbs and Haller, spoke to the issue raised by the Green ACES about using natural gas and said the builder, NVR, has done similar buildings with natural gas. No one has said that natural gas is a “no-go,” but there are issues: supply chain lead time in getting different equipment from the current plans, the necessity to redesign space quickly given the recent report by the Green ACES and the additional cost to the residents for being all electric.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts asked where the outside compressors needed for the heating and air conditioning systems would go. Michael Postal from Armory Place, LLC said the condenser units would be on the outside balconies of each unit, not stacked outside the buildings. Postal responded to Councilmember Silke Pope’s inquiry of a start date, saying that construction of the first building would be a year out. Jordan suggested a footpath on the eastern section of the development linking the buildings to Greenbelt Road. Councilmember Judith Davis discussed an additional condition to be added to the list of 18 conditions which would introduce public art into the DSP.

Council amended the original 18 conditions to include Davis’s condition to support public art and approved staff’s recommendation with a vote of six yeas and one nay from Roberts.

More information on the April 17 council worksession can be found in an article on the proposed condominiums in the May 4 News Review.

Administration Reports

Interim City Manager Timothy George reported that a request for proposal (RFP) for a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Audit was issued and will be due at the end of May. Jordan suggested sharing the results of that audit with the Reparations Committee.

Jordan talked about extending some of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) deadlines. He also noted the nicely finished Youth Center gym floor and the repair of the wall by the swimming pool. Davis noted the elm and ginkgo trees installed by the Department of Public Works on Hanover Parkway.

Older Americans Month

Marti Galvin and Mary Wade of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee accepted the city proclamation that May is Older Americans Month. Galvin spoke

about the activities that seniors can enjoy in Greenbelt: the Golden Age Club, which is supported by the city, the Senior Lunch on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Community Center and more.

Voting Issues

The Board of Elections presented a report that was accepted by consent agenda concerning noncitizen voting in Greenbelt elections:

By including persons who are not U.S. citizens “these changes to City law represent a significant altering of voting rights, with a new registration process in the Clerk’s office, the Board would respectfully suggest that the question be put to the voters in referendum. Then, if Greenbelt voters approve the proposal, Council could amend Charter and Code as proposed, with or without modifications, and the program could be given effect in the next election. The referendum question could be presented in language such as this: Should residents who are not U.S. citizens be allowed to vote in City elections if they meet certain residency requirements? Please vote ‘Yes’ or ‘No.’ In the absence of referendum, and if Council approves the changes, Charter and Code may be amended in the usual way.”

A second report from the Board of Elections concerned when they may begin counting votes. The board suggested that by “eliminating the polls closing language, council would clarify that the Board of Elections may start its vote counting process earlier than the closing of the polls. That would increase efficiency without sacrificing accuracy or compromising voter rights.”

Food Rescue Group Needs Volunteers

Prince George’s County Food Equity Council (pgfec.org) has collaborated with Food Rescue US to try and prevent food waste and take surplus food from restaurants, grocery stores or farmers markets and deliver it to public food banks and soup kitchens in the county. One such “rescue” is located right here in Greenbelt, our local Farmers Market, scheduled each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. until mid-November. Two volunteers with two cars will show up around 1:45 p.m. with cardboard boxes to collect food, then drive for 15 minutes up to Laurel to drop off collected food to church staff, who will keep that food in cold storage until ready to distribute to those in need.

If interested, one of the local Food Rescue volunteers, Joe Robbins (robbins629@gmail.com), is happy to answer any questions. Sign up at the following website: bit.ly/pgfcr\_signup. The group’s motto is Be the Rescue.

A Review

The Children’s Hour Now Playing at the Arts Center

by Melanie Iversen

Lillian Hellman was born in 1905 and died in 1984, so she experienced both World Wars, the McCarthy era and many tumultuous issues in between. She grew up in a world of social injustices, antisemitism, gender inequalities and controversial politics and opinions. Through it all she developed strong ideas and feelings and shared them through her distinctive writing.

The Children’s Hour premiered in 1934 on Broadway and ran for 691 performances – a clear indication that her work struck chords with many, as it still does today.

This work, although heavy and hard to watch, offers many gifts to the audience. Hellman’s perspective regarding something as simple as a self-centered adolescent’s lie, awakens one to the fallout it causes and the damage caused by comments made in anger.

Talented direction supports and strengthens the writer’s message over and over in the current rendition of the play at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

The sets are simple but realistic enough to put one in the room without distraction from the development of the story. The actors were well matched with the characters they played and kept us locked into a story written almost 90 years ago that nonetheless offers warnings of contemporary significance about the dangers of bullying, lying and assuming truth without knowing it.

A variety of ages attended the matinee on Sunday, and all were emotionally involved in each scene.

Hellman drew from her own experiences growing up by setting the location of this story in a boarding house. She wrote of obnoxious teens and mean girls while also showing us the connections these girls had to each other, as girls often do at those ages.

The two women who ran the school had worked hard to make a successful place of education for these young girls. They were close friends, good people. Who could guess their lives would be turned upside down by false assumptions. Their friendship faced a complicated challenge and truth cannot undo the damage of acidic lies and gossip nor prevent that fallout from reaching others.

The Q & A after the Sunday, May 28 matinee will offer an opportunity to discuss the many intertwined issues that promise a fascinating conversation.

In conclusion: The actors did an exceptional job, each enriching their characters with their own



From left, Penny Terlep, El Barrett Toman, Lark Jeffers (standing), Charlotte Richesson (seated), and Hillary Leyendecker perform in The Children's Hour at Greenbelt Arts Center.



Penny Martin (seated) and Jenn Robinson




Jenn Robinson and Ian Swank

- Photos by Randy Barth

touches. The director deftly highlighted the play’s many issues in simple and understandable ways that could connect with audience members of all ages.

Families, pre-teens and wise golden-years folks will enjoy the production. This was a daring play to take on, but well worth the many efforts.



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# Police News

## Greenbelt West Community Meets with Police Chief, Staff

by Lois Rosado

On May 18, the Greenbelt Police Department hosted the second of two public safety community forums, this one at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Chief Richard Bowers opened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. He introduced members of his staff, Major Tim White (administrative services commander), Captain Mark Sagan (SOD commander for investigations), Lieutenant Mike Parsley (assistant patrol commander), Rachel Tobin (crisis intervention supervisor) and Hannah Glasgow (public information officer). He also acknowledged Councilmember Silke Pope, who attended this session.

Bowers indicated that the Greenbelt Police Department finally has a full complement of 54 officers. The department will again be reviewed by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), which established a set of standards that public safety departments must meet. This will be the sixth CALEA review for the department.

Bowers introduced Tobin, who supervises the Crisis Intervention Unit, which works to assist individuals experiencing mental health episodes. She stated that her goal was to reduce the stigma surrounding mental health. Greenbelt police practice integrative services and determine whether a call requires intervention services in addition to a police officer. This unit also partners with Greenbelt CARES and the Greenbelt Assistance in Living program and sometimes Sharon Johnson and Christal Batey attend calls with Tobin. If the caller is Spanish-speaking an officer fluent in that language will be in attendance to translate. The unit has received more than 150 calls for service and does a lot of follow-ups to check on an individual.

Bowers also stated that the changes in Maryland laws pertaining to juveniles prevent police from interrogating juveniles without the presence of their parents, guardians or lawyers. Under 16 years of age, a youth can be charged as an adult depending on the crime; however, all proceedings now must begin

in juvenile court. He stated that he sees a repetitive cycle of arrest and release, particularly with those stealing cars for joy rides and/or money.

He also spoke about the new marijuana laws and how street sales will continue because they sell the substance at lower prices and during times when the legal markets are closed. Bowers also noted that police are no longer able to search vehicles, even if the smell of marijuana is prevalent in the car. The chief stated that previously officers had confiscated over 800 guns from

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### Armed Robbery

On Monday, May 22 at approximately 5:23 p.m., officers responded to an armed robbery in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court. The suspect is described as a Black male with a blue shirt and blue jeans, armed with a black handgun. No injuries were reported. If you have any information on this incident, please call Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

### Suspect in the robbery of the 7-Eleven on Good Luck Road

- Photos courtesy Greenbelt Police



### Local 7-Eleven Robbed, Police Search for Suspect

On Sunday, May 21 at approximately 10:40 p.m., officers responded to the 7-Eleven located in the 7900 block of Good Luck Road for a commercial armed robbery. The pictured suspect walked into the business, pointed a black handgun at employees and demanded money.

If you have any information about the identity of this suspect, please call Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200.

### Police Investigation: Springhill Drive Shooting

On Saturday, May 20, at approximately 6:30 p.m., police were notified of a walk-in patient with a gunshot wound at a local hospital. The victim, a 25-year-old man, reported he was shot in an attempted carjacking in the 6200 block of Springhill Drive. Officers located the scene and are investigating. At this time, the victim's injuries appear to be non-life-threatening.

The suspects are described as two teenage boys, one light-skin Black male wearing all black and one dark-skin Black male wearing a white hoodie and possibly low-cut hair or twists.

If anyone has any information on this incident, they are asked to call the Greenbelt Police at 301-474-7200.



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# Police Blotter

Incidents reported here from May 15 through May 21. Readers are encouraged to contact the police if they have information that may aid in an inquiry. Call the non-emergency number 301-474-7200 or email [pd@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:pd@greenbeltmd.gov). Note that the times provided are when the incidents were reported.

### Armed Person

On May 18 at 11:06 a.m. near 5800 Cherrywood Lane, a man pointed a curved pocketknife at a maintenance worker after being asked to leave the property. Officers searched the area but did not find the man.

### Break-ins

On May 16 at 6:54 p.m. near 5300 S. Center Drive, a man returned to his residence and noticed the front door was open and items were thrown around in the bedrooms. Officers searched the home but no one was found. Personal property was stolen and there were no signs of forced entry. On May 18 at 11:16 p.m. near 6000 Springhill Drive, a vacant unit's window was broken. Officers searched the unit but found no one inside.

### Disorderly

On May 18 at 6:29 p.m. near 7200 S. Ora Court, there was a fight involving juveniles.

### DUI Arrests

DUI arrests were made on May 20 at 2:48 a.m. near Crescent Road/Kenilworth Avenue and on May 21 at 3:49 a.m. near Cherrywood Lane/Breezewood Drive.

### Fraud

On May 17 at 9:28 a.m. on Ridge Road check fraud was reported. On May 18 at 4:31 p.m. near 7600 Greenbelt Road credit card fraud was reported. On May 19 at 5:13 p.m. near 5900 Cherrywood Lane EBT card fraud was reported. On May 21 at 4:04 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road credit card fraud was reported.

### Marijuana Citation

On May 20 at 8:48 a.m. near 5700 Cherrywood Lane, a man was issued a criminal citation for marijuana in an amount over civil use.

### Thefts

On May 16 at 3:53 p.m. near 6000 Greenbelt Road, a 20-year-old man was arrested for embezzling funds from his workplace. Commercial thefts were reported on May 17 at 1:18 p.m. near 7500 Greenbelt Road, on May 17 at 3:26 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, on May 17 at 3:55 p.m. near 6100 Greenbelt Road, and on May 19 at 1:11 p.m. near 7595 Greenbelt Road.

### Vehicle Crimes Found Vehicles

On May 16 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a stolen 2015 Hyundai Elantra was found with ignition damage.

### Stolen Vehicles

On May 15 near 7500 Mandan Road a 2012 blue Hyundai Sonata (Md. plate 26053CH) was

reported stolen. On May 17 a 2006 silver Subaru Tribeca (Md. plate 3FJ9069) was reported stolen near 6000 Springhill Drive. On May 17 a white 2020 Ram Pro Master 2500 (D.C. plate C81898) was reported stolen near 6200 Springhill Court. On May 18 a Hyundai Elantra (Md. plate 3FA6515) was reported stolen near 6100 Greenbelt Road and a 2013 silver Hyundai Sonata was stolen near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, tracked with a low jack tracker and found in Lanham. On May 19 near 6900 Hanover Parkway, a blue Hyundai Sonata (Md. plate 5DE7235) was stolen. On May 19 near 6600 Lake Park Drive, a black 2013 Hyundai Sonata (Md. plate 4BD8223) was stolen. On May 20 near 7200 S. Ora Court, a 2018 Kia Sportage (Md. plate 8EK8228) was stolen and a 2007 blue Chevrolet Silverado (Md. plate 9AW2544) was stolen near 9100 Edmonston Road.

### Theft From Auto

On May 15 near 6000 Springhill Drive, a passenger door was pried open with a tool and personal property was stolen and near 6000 Springhill Drive, tools were stolen from an unlocked car. On May 16 near 6100 Springhill Terrace, a disability placard was stolen. On May 17 near 6900 Hanover Parkway, the sunroof was broken and personal property taken; near 7700 Mandan Road, a Kia Optima had a damaged lock after the owner scared some unknown people away from the car; near 7500 Mandan Road, all four tires were stolen from a 2023 Honda Civic; near 6100 Breezewood Court, all four wheels and tires of a 2018 Toyota Camry were stolen.

On May 18 near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a passenger window was broken and work tools were stolen; near Mandan Road/Hanover Parkway, personal property was stolen from a vehicle. On May 19 near 6600 Lake Park Drive, a rear right passenger-side window was broken and personal property was stolen; near 8100 Lakecrest Drive, a passenger front window was broken and tools were stolen. On May 20 near 6000 Breezewood Drive, a steering wheel airbag was stolen from a 2017 Honda Civic; near 9100 Springhill Lane, steering wheel airbags were stolen from a 2017 Honda Accord, a 2014 Honda CRV and a 2017 Honda Accord; near 6200 Breezewood Drive, steering wheel airbags were stolen from a 2017 blue Honda Civic and a 2013 Honda Civic.

On May 21 near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, a rear window was broken and personal property was stolen; near 7800 Walker Drive, a front passenger window was broken and personal property was stolen; on Ridge Road catalytic converters were stolen from a 2006 Honda Element and a 2006 Toyota Prius; near 200 Lakeside Drive, a catalytic converter was stolen from a 2000 Honda Odyssey; on Ridge Road, a catalytic converter was stolen from a Honda Element. On May 21 near 7400 Greenway Center Drive, back passenger-side windows of two cars were broken and personal property was stolen; on Ridge Road, a catalytic converter was stolen from a 2003 Honda Odyssey; near 9100 Edmonston Road, a front passenger-side window was broken and a handgun was stolen; near 5900 Cherrywood Terrace, a rock was thrown through the rear window of a car, nothing was taken; near 9100 Edmonston Road, a car was broken into and a handgun stolen from the backseat; near 7200 Hanover Drive, a rear passenger window was broken and personal property was stolen; near 6600 Lake Park Drive, two cars had the passenger windows broken and personal property stolen.

### Vehicle Vandalism

On May 15 near 7600 Hanover Parkway, a driver-side back

window was broken and the car rummaged through, nothing was taken; near 6100 Breezewood Drive, a driver-side passenger window was broken, the car rummaged through, and nothing taken; near 9300 Edmonston Road, four cars in the parking lot had rear windows broken and the cars rummaged through; near 7700 Hanover Parkway, a rear right passenger window was broken and nothing taken. On May 17 near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, rear windows were broken on two cars. On May 17 near 7800 Mandan Road, a car sunroof was broken and nothing was taken. On May 18 near 7200 Mandan Road, a rear right passenger window was broken and nothing was taken. On May 19 near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a passenger-side front window was broken and nothing was taken; near 9100 Edmonston Court, a car window was broken and nothing was taken; near 7840 Lakecrest Drive, a right front car window was broken and nothing was taken. On May 21 near 9100 Springhill Lane, a passenger window was broken and nothing was taken; near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a rear passenger window was broken and nothing was taken; near 6200 Springhill Court, a rear driver-side window was broken and personal property was stolen; near 9000 Breezewood Terrace, a

rear passenger window was broken and nothing was taken; near 6300 Golden Triangle Drive, two cars had rear windows broken.

## Greenbelt Teen Killed At Wheaton Metro Station

Just before 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, a shooting on a platform at Wheaton Metro Station left 18-year-old Tenneson Vaughn Leslie, Jr., of Greenbelt, dead.

According to Montgomery County Police a fight erupted between two groups of young men on the escalator and culminated with a shooting on the platform. The suspects ran from the scene and Leslie was transported to a hospital in critical condition, where he later died from the gunshot wound.

Montgomery County Police and Metro Transit Police searched surrounding areas, with the aid of a helicopter, and Metro service was suspended between Glenmont and Silver Spring. However, as of yet no one is in custody.

Anyone with information regarding this homicide is asked to contact Crime Solvers of Montgomery County at 1-866-455-TIPS (8477). A reward of up to \$10,000 is being offered for information that leads to an arrest. Callers may remain anonymous.

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# Police News

## Greenbelt Police Meet Students At Springhill Lake Career Day



Greenbelt police officers meet with Springhill Lake Elementary School students during the school's career day.



Mayor Emmett Jordan speaks at Career Day.



- Photos courtesy Springhill Lake Elementary School

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past searches. Guns, drugs and violent crimes are all connected, Bowers stated; 75 percent of all county homicides involved marijuana.

In addition, at the moment there is no field sobriety test to determine how much marijuana is responsible for a DUI incident. While a person may be detained for driving impaired, it will require specially trained drug officers to determine an individual's degree of impairment.

The Police Accountability Act authorizes an Administrative Charging Committee to follow up with complaints against officers. According to Sagan, the committee has made fair assessments of police conduct so far. He also indicated that body camera footage is often used to train police in the proper way to conduct themselves with the public. The primary complaint concerning the Administrative Charging Committee is that they often want more interviews with police officers charged with a complaint and this can be time consuming and the "Internal Affairs Investigation tends to remain over an officer's head even after it is concluded."

Bowers indicated the crime trends in Greenbelt tend to focus on stolen cars, mostly Kias and Hyundais that use a key to start. Tik Tok has shown people how to steal a car in 30 seconds. So, he reminded everyone, park in lighted areas and make sure to lock the car.



Residents attend one of the Public Safety Community Forums held last week by Greenbelt Police.

Officer Eric Alvarez is assigned to Franklin Park, where he will have an office.

Coach K (Mr. Lockhart), a longtime resident of Franklin Park who works with youth, suggested that more foot patrols will enable police officers and community residents to become familiar with one another and promote positive interactions with youth in the community. He also stated that there is a need to bring community resources together, including police, Fieldstone Properties staff and parents to resolve issues plaguing young people and the community.

A Greenbelt Station homeowner spoke about car vandalism. Bowers mentioned establishing a community watch volunteer group and indicated that that neighborhood only has one way in and one way out and that cameras could be placed strategically to capture license plate information to deter such incidents. Also, those with Ring door cameras can monitor activity.

Carolyn Lambright-Davis indicated that she would like to see the bike patrols and officers doing more positive interactions with youth.

### At the Library

The Greenbelt Library will be closed on Sunday, May 28, and Monday, May 29, for the Memorial Day holiday. Regular hours are Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Wednesdays, noon to 8 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sundays, 1 to 5 p.m.

#### Storytimes

Friday, May 26, 11:15 a.m., ages 2 to 3. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8239810](https://pgcmls.info/event/8239810).

Tuesday, May 30, 6:30 p.m., ages 3 to 5. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8239799](https://pgcmls.info/event/8239799).

#### Teen STEM Lab

Saturday, May 27, 1 p.m., ages 10 and older. Peer into the seemingly invisible microscopic world with a bioengineering scientist. Use state-of-the-art compound microscopes with specialized cameras, learn new skills in observing sub-micron phenomena and see the inner workings of your cells. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/7704644](https://pgcmls.info/event/7704644).

#### Teen Action Group

Wednesday, May 31, 4:30 p.m. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8244711](https://pgcmls.info/event/8244711).

#### Author Talk

Wednesday, May 31, 6 p.m., adults. Meet local author Nikki Payne and hear her discuss Pride and Protest, a fresh and modern retelling of Pride and Prejudice. A woman goes head-to-head with the CEO of a corporation threatening to destroy her neighborhood. Audience Q and A and book signing to follow. Register at [pgcmls.info/event/8234980](https://pgcmls.info/event/8234980).

#### Legal Assistance

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don't usually sign petitions, but I can absolutely sign that." "It's a no-brainer."

This response was true whether talking with voters who were parents at Springhill Lake Elementary dismissal time, parents with their entrepreneurial children at the Greenbelt Elementary Spring Fair, neighbors in my Greenbelt East neighborhood, GHI residents, shoppers leaving the Co-op or Safeway, fellow members of the Golden Age Club or participants at the Farmers Market and Green Man Festival.

About 85 percent of those who signed were insistent that the city manager live in Greenbelt. Many feel the city manager residency requirement is a core issue as to their understanding of who and what Greenbelt is. Their remarks included: "Hell, no." "They should be impacted by the consequences of their decisions. They should have skin in the game." "I can't believe they would consider someone who doesn't want to live in Greenbelt." It was a bit surprising to me but as a group African American residents in particular were forcefully adamant on this point.

A number of residents who signed were also concerned because the charter change is case-by-case, with different rules for different applicants. They also questioned how it was possible for a charter amendment to be changed based on a one-vote majority. Several even questioned if the process was legal.

**Not Enough Signatures**

So what happened on the petition drive which ended May 21? While 90 to 95 percent of the registered voters approached signed, we were only a small group getting signatures and

didn't reach enough residents in the 40 days to reverse council's action. Even so, we submitted 811 voter signatures directly to council at the Monday, May 22 evening meeting.

Recognizing that council was not required to comply with the petition, we pointed out that 811 is 32 percent of the roughly 2,500 voters who vote in Greenbelt elections. We asked that council not dismiss the petition of 811 Greenbelters and have this issue go to referendum.

**Process Concerns**

This issue additionally raised several process concerns. Based on the experiences of these petitioners, we can suggest the following:

1) That the city charter be amended so that the threshold of a successful petition for referendum be 20 percent of the average number of voters in the previous two city elections.

Currently, to achieve a referendum, 20 percent of registered voters must sign a petition. Greenbelt voter registration used to be done within the city by the city clerk's office. Now registration for city elections is part of the county process, resulting in a significant increase of registered voters but not necessarily an increase in those who vote. Thus, only a small percentage, approximately 2,500 of 15,000 eligible voters, actually engage in voting in Greenbelt elections, but the requirement for residents' petitions has dramatically increased over recent decades and thus this recommendation;

2) That the charter be amended to require a threshold of a council super-majority for charter changes or alternatively for voters to decide charter changes via referendum.

**(Re)Discovering More of Greenbelt**

The purpose of my journey was to talk with fellow residents about the situation and collect signatures. In the process, I rediscovered my delight in living in Greenbelt. I met residents who have lived in Greenbelt just two months and those who have lived here 57 years. It was in meeting thoughtfully engaged people of both sides of the issue that made it so special for me. Although a 31-year Greenbelt resident, I had never attended the Green Man Festival or the Farmers Market. What a wonderful experience I've been missing all these years. That's going to change.

I learned in a tangible way how the New Deal Café, in addition to good food, is a warm, welcoming regular gathering place. I witnessed the friendly, active use of our city parks. I observed the camaraderie of Greenbelt Nursery School families getting together for a Saturday afternoon potluck celebration. I saw and appreciated first-hand individual residents' beautiful gardens and the thoughtful foundational planning for GHI and the integration of the woods among those homes.

At some homes, I had longer conversations – with a resident still grieving the recent death of their spouse, a resident of 57 years moving at the end of the summer to a senior living facility, a resident who had been in the first graduating class at St. Hugh's Elementary School and several pairs of grandparents who live "a stone's throw" from their adult children and grandchildren.

I was also introduced to Floppy, a stray cat, who has become a cul-de-sac's neighborhood cat in one Windsor Green neighborhood. As my friend who lives in the cul-de-sac and I went door-to-door, the cat followed her. After we knocked on one door, the neighbor opened his door saying, "I wasn't going to answer the door until I saw Floppy with you."

Many thanks to all I met. It was a great experience, especially in post-Covid times, to re-connect with how vibrant and engaged the people of Greenbelt are. I invite you, too, to get out, become engaged and enjoy our community.

Vivian Nickel, 13, to Represent U.S. at Youth Film Festival

by Ingrid Cowan Hass

Vivian Nickel's youth film, *Penguins*, has been selected by the 14th Annual VAFI International Children and Youth Film Festival and will screen in Rijeka, Croatia, May 25 through 27 during the VAFI MIDI program with other short films from around the world.

Her film is representing the United States in the 11- to 14-year-old MIDI age category and is one of only three films selected from the U.S.

A total of only 99 films made by youth were selected for the Festival.

Nickel, age 13, completed her film during last year's Fall Home School Animation Class, offered by Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts and held at the Greenbelt Access Television studio. She has been taking animation classes with George Kochell (aka Mr. Geo) since 2018, with a break during Covid. "Digital animation gives me a chance to blend my love of art and drawing with my computer skills," says Nickel.



PHOTO BY CHRISTINE NICKEL

Vivian Nickel

She chose penguins as her subject because the film was a gift for her older sister who loves both penguins and Broadway. Beside attending a Computer Science Connect program at the University of Maryland for the past two years and taking other coding classes, Nickel loves theater, making pottery and reading. She hopes to be an entomologist one day and has her own colony of Madagascar hissing cockroaches.

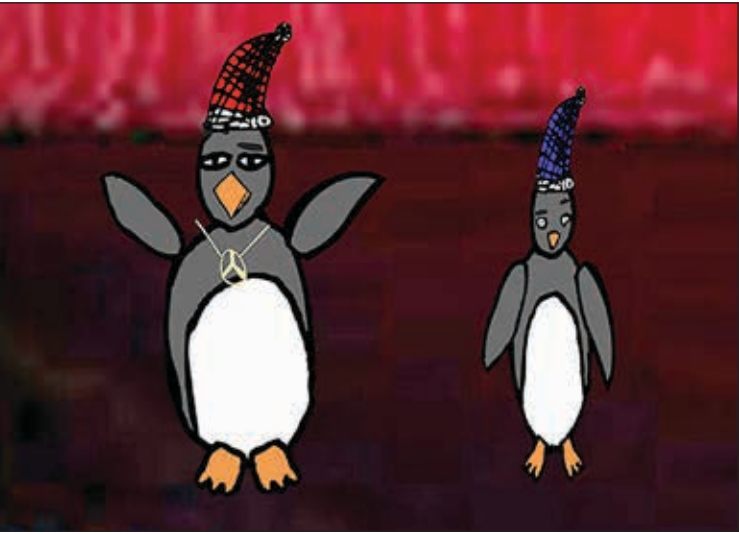


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A still from Vivian Nickel's film *Penguins*, which was selected for screening at a children and youth film festival in Rijeka, Croatia.

Windsor Green Renovations

The Windsor Green Community Center and tennis courts are looking fantastic after a recent facelift.



Newly renovated Windsor Green Community Center



Renovated common room in the Windsor Green Community Center

- Photos by Amina Khalifa

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**Safety First**

The Aquatic Center has been grappling with patrons attempting to use the pool without appropriate swimming attire, wishing to swim in street clothes or underwear, for example. Increased signage now reminds visitors of the requirement for swimming suits/trunks.

While safety always comes first at the pool, staff are trained to encourage an atmosphere of welcoming to bathers of all ages, abilities, expertise and speeds.

GAFC even has its own pool water safety coloring and activity book, which caregivers can download at [tinyurl.com/449d486u](http://tinyurl.com/449d486u).

**Rules of the Pool**

Swimmers of all levels of experience are encouraged to learn or refresh themselves on the rules of the pool. They include selecting the lane most appropriate to one’s swimming speed, circle swimming in a counter-clockwise direction when sharing a lane and

not changing lanes by slipping under the ropes. Suggestions for how to pass courteously include tapping the foot of the swimmer ahead, slowing down by the rope to allow another to pass and stopping at the wall to allow faster swimmers to pass if there’s congestion. Guidance for lap sharing can be found at [tinyurl.com/23k4bhpr](http://tinyurl.com/23k4bhpr).

Though it’s too early to know the camp schedule, it is likely that younger patrons will visit as a group on summer afternoons between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

On the City of Greenbelt website, GAFC staff encourages patrons to “smile and enjoy your workout. When we work together lap swimming can be a wonderful experience for all levels of need and fitness.”

Parks reminds swimmers in Greenbelt to tune their inner Bluetooth to Aretha Franklin. Building community is all about R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

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A sign lays out rules for getting along at the pool.

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his bike tuned up at the pit stop, commutes by bike to College Park most days because of its sustainability, and for the exercise.

Archer's sentiment was echoed by Jackson Tan, a member of the GHI Bicycle Committee, who bikes to work from Greenbelt to the Goddard campus two or three times a week. "It's a friendly way to commute and also saves money and keeps me healthy," said Tan.

Aileen Kroll, who moved to the D.C. metro area in 2008 because she wanted to live a car-free lifestyle, said, "I bike everywhere because my bike is my car!"

District 22 Delegate Ashanti Martinez, himself an avid cyclist, stopped by to encourage bike commuters and support alternative forms of transportation. "Bike to Work Day is a great opportunity to speak about the importance of multimodal transportation and investments in infrastructure that all people can feel safe using," Martinez said.

Safety was also on the mind of Kiara Thomas, who commutes most days from the area near Eleanor Roosevelt High School to her job in Beltway Plaza on her Jetson e-bike. She usually uses Spellman Overpass and cuts through Old Greenbelt to avoid as much of Greenbelt Road as she can, because even with the bike lane, "It's a little scary," she says.

When asked what she'd like motorists to know about sharing the road with cyclists, she said, "Don't speed up when you pass us because the gust of wind from the car can throw you off balance. Slow down, and then speed up once you pass us."

But, overall, Thomas loves commuting by bike. "My commute is more relaxed, and you get to see more of your neighborhood," she said.



Kiara Thomas poses with her Jetson e-bike, an electric bike that can go up to 15 miles per hour.



Cyclists converge on the Roosevelt Center parking lot during Bike to Work Day 2023.



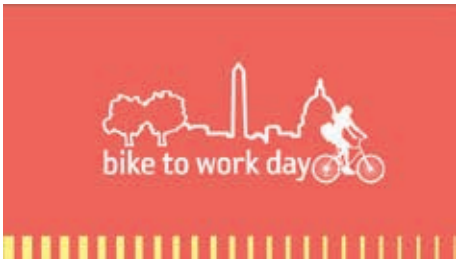
Paul Lemieux of Proteus Bikes helps Maeve Waters tune up her bike.



Police officers also participate in Bike to Work Day.



A happy cyclist



Greenbelt East Bicycle Trail To Get SHA Feasibility Study

by Jeff Lemieux

On May 16, the Maryland Department of Transportation's State Highway Administration (SHA) announced a feasibility study for the Greenbelt East Trail in a letter to County Councilmembers Eric Olson (District 3) and Ingrid Watson (District 4). According to SHA officials, the feasibility study should be completed in 2023. The announcement coincided with new support letters from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County, along with updated trail route slides and cost estimates from Friends of the Greenbelt East Trail ([greenbeltnasatrail.org](http://greenbeltnasatrail.org)).

Greenbelters were briefed on these developments at separate meetings of the Greenbelt Community Development Corp. and the GHI Bicycle Committee last week. Trail advocates hope the



Ed James and Susan Walker of Greenbelt Community Development Corporation, standing, and Jeff Lemieux of Friends of the Greenbelt East Trail, Inc., sitting

trail section in front of Goddard Space Flight Center can be put on an expedited timeline, so that Goddard commuters and students from Eleanor Roosevelt and DuVal High Schools can see the most immediate safety benefits.



A group of cyclists on Bike to Work Day



Priya Lemieux works on a bike.



A family enjoys Bike to Work Day.